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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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SUBJECT: SUDANESE FEELER TO QADHAFFI RUMORED

1. KNOWLEDGEABLE ARAB DIPLOMAT HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT LOCAL PLO REP ABUL KHEIR IS CLAIMING GOS SEEKING IMPROVE CONTACTS WITH LIBYA VIA PLO. WHILE NIMEIRI WAS OPENLY CRITICAL LIBYA IN OCT 31 PRESS CONFERENCE DURING KING KHALID'S VISIT (KHARTOUM 3212, NOTAL), ABUL KHEIR CLAIMS THAT FONMIN MAKKAWI SUMMONED HIM ABOUT A WEEK LATER TO ASK FOR AFRAT'S MEDIATION IN SUDANESE/LIBYAN DISPUTE.

2. NO INDICATION SUCH GOS POLICY SHIFT FROM OTHER SOURCES. IN FACT, MINYOUTH AND SPORTS (WHO MEMBER NIMEIRI'S INNER CIRCLE OF EX-OFFICERS) TOLD AMBASSADOR DEC 1 HE DID NOT THINK SUDANESE/LIBYAN RELATIONS WOULD IMPROVE AS LONG AS QADHAFFI IN POWER.

3. COMMENT. WE DOUBT NIMEIRI WOULD BE INTERESTED IN INITIATING OVERTURES TO LIBYAN LEADER UNLESS HE UNDER GREAT PRESSURE TO DO SO FROM KING KHALID AND/OR SADAT. AT TIME KING'S VISIT, THERE WAS RUMOR THAT LATTER HAD URGED NIMEIRI PATCH THINGS UP WITH
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LIBYANS BUT WE DOUBT THIS TRUE IN VIEW GOL'S WARMING TO SOVIETS

(TRIPOLI 1515), THOUGH JIDDA BETTER PLACED COMMENT THIS ASPECT.
ON BALANCE, WE CONCLUDE ABUL KHEIR WAS ACCURATELY QUOTED
BUT THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN ENDEAVORING ATTRIBUTE GREATER
MEDIATORY ROLE AND UTILITY TO PLO THAN IN FACT EXISTS. BREWER

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